

Analiza si vizualizarea datelor

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Outline

- Definition and objectives
- Methods of data visualization
- Examples of applications
- The curse of dimensionality
- Classification of high-dimensional data
- Techniques of dimensions reducing

Why visualising data ?

- Better presentation of data =>
Better Understanding / Analysis
- “Goalis to communicate information clearly and effectively through graphical means.”
– Friedman(2008)

Motivation

- Increasing computational power of computers
- Data availability
- A lot of high dimensional data
- An additional component of the clustering techniques

Motivation

A good visualization technique should be applied even if:

- We have few a priori knowledge about the data or not at all
- Exploratory goals are vague
- The data are inhomogeneous and noisy

Motivation

- Nowadays high-dimensional data are everywhere
- Associated with different Machine Learning tasks such as : classification, "clustering" and regression

Results of the visualization

The results of the visualizations can be represented in the form of:

- Maps
- Graphics
- Dashboarding

Why dimension reduction?

- The number of features can be very large
 - Genomic data: expressions of genes
 - Thousands of variables
 - Image data : each pixel of an image
 - An image $64 \times 64 = 4096$ features
 - Text categorization: frequency of phrases (or words) in a document or web page
 - More than ten thousand features

Methods of data visualization

Methods of data visualization

There are many methods of visualization according to the type of treated data.

The data can be :

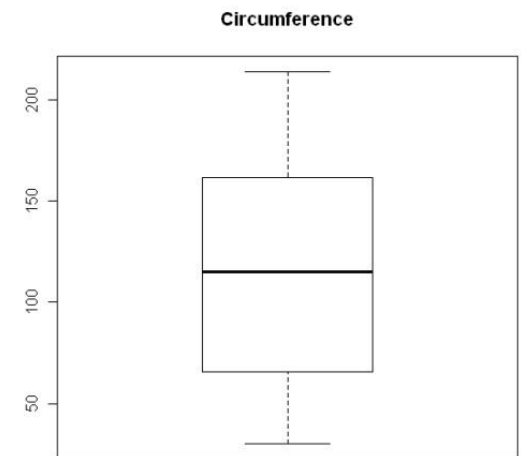
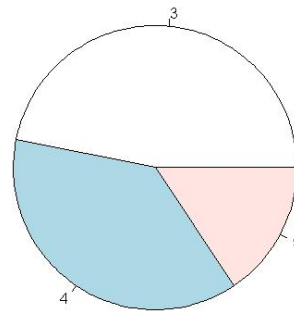
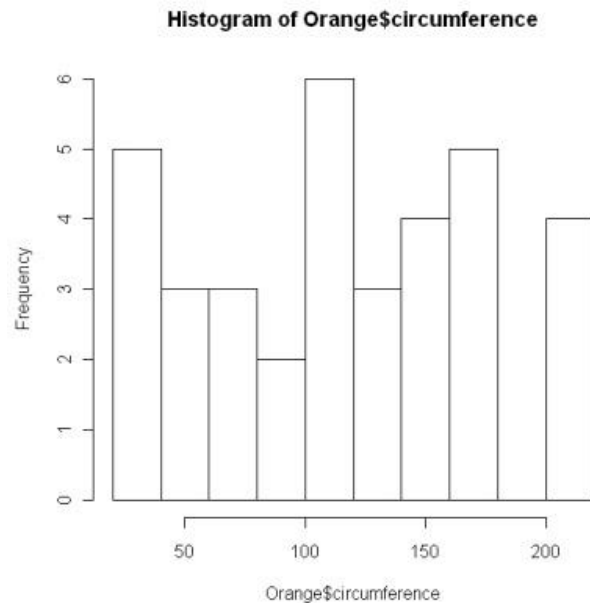
- Univariate
- Bivariate
- Multivariate

Univariate data

- Represents measurements of a variable
- Usually characterize a distribution
- Are represented by the following methods :
 - Histogram
 - Camambert (Pie chart)
 - Box plot

Univariate data (1D)

- Representation

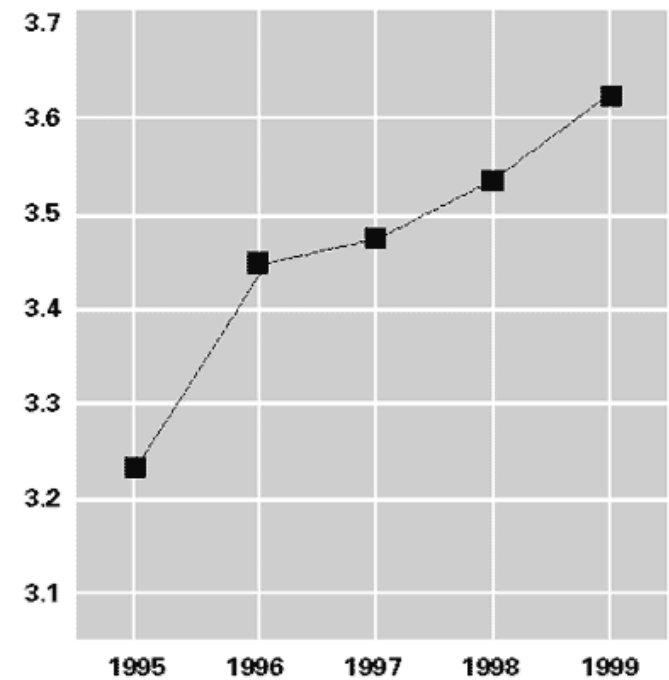
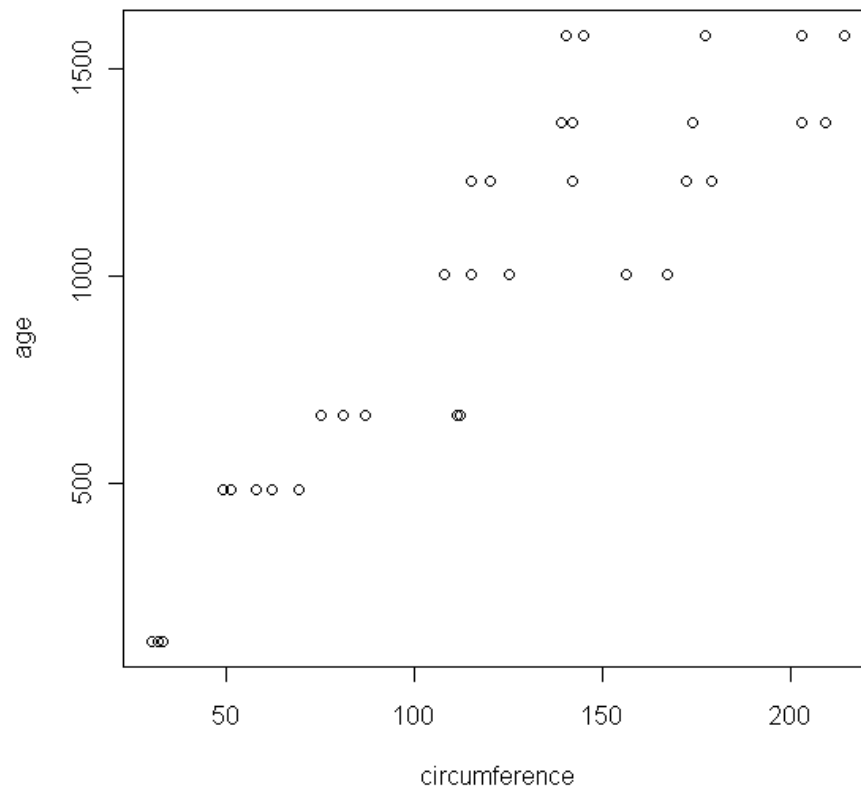


Bivariate data (2D)

- Are paired samples of two variables
- The variables are related
- Are represented by the following methods :
 - Scatter plot
 - Linear graphs

Bivariate data (2D)

- Representation



Multivariate data

- A multidimensional representation of multivariate data
- Are represented by the following methods :
 - Methods based icons
 - Pixel-based methods
 - Dynamic system in parallel coordinates

What is visualization?

What is visualization?

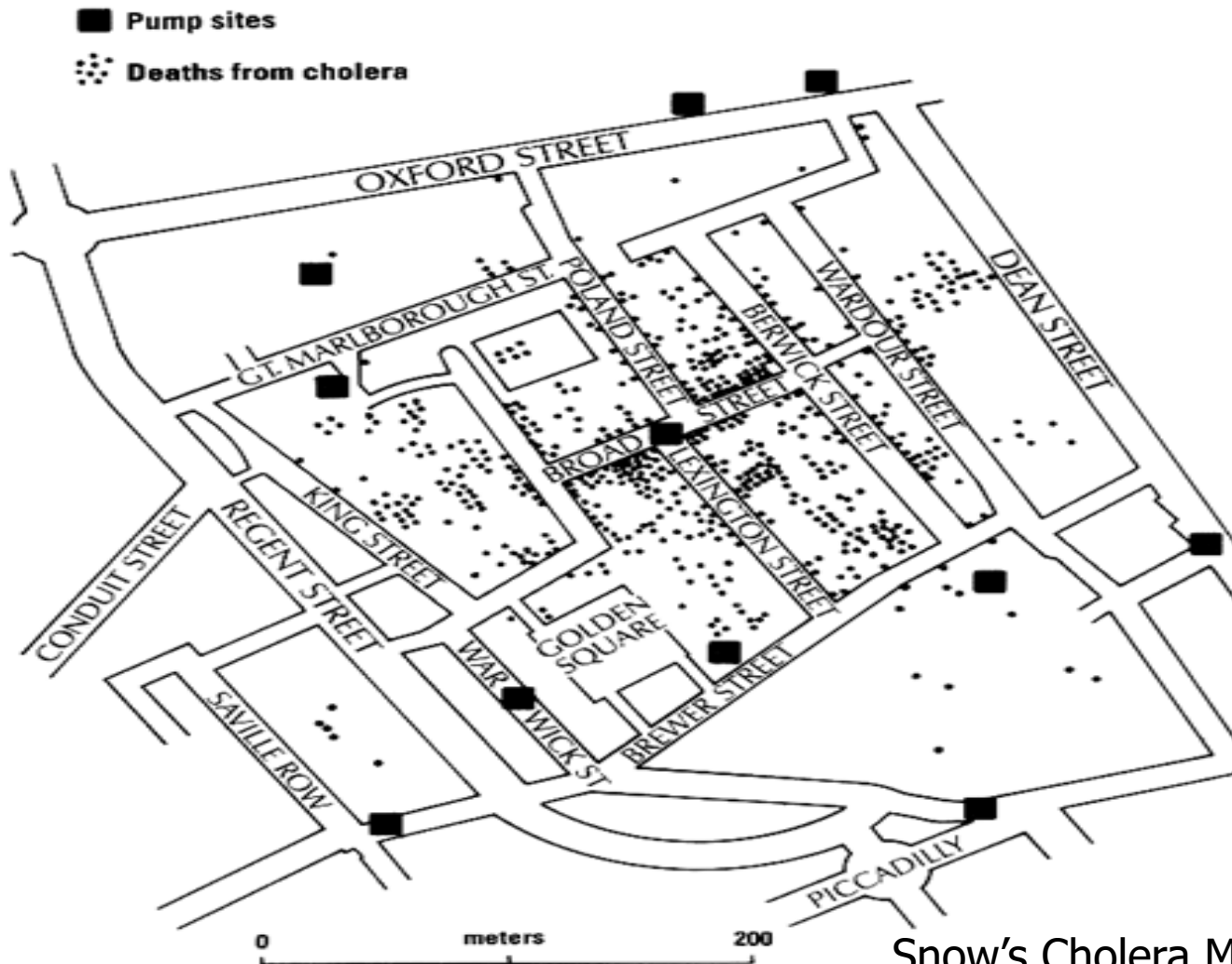
- Visualization is the process of **visual interpretation** or **graphical representation** of a dataset.

What is visualization?

- Medical investigations on patients

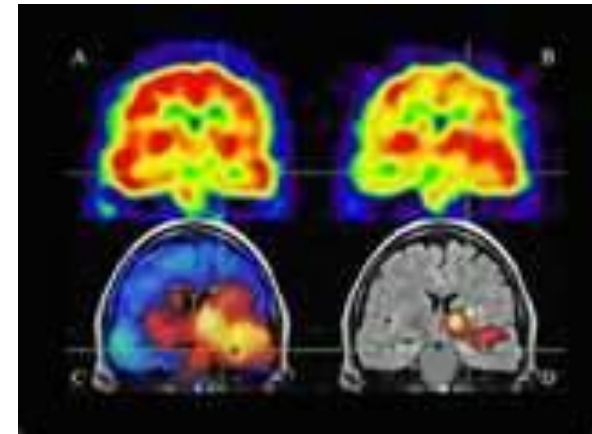
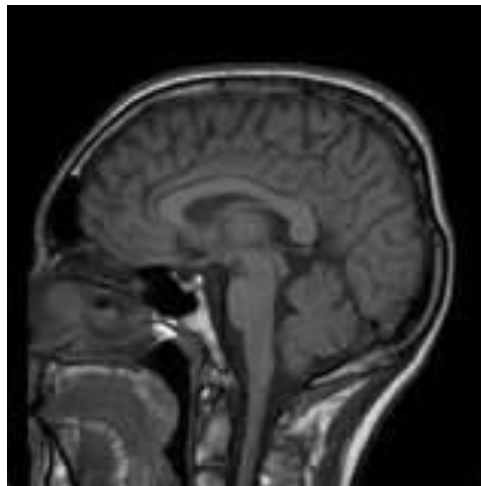
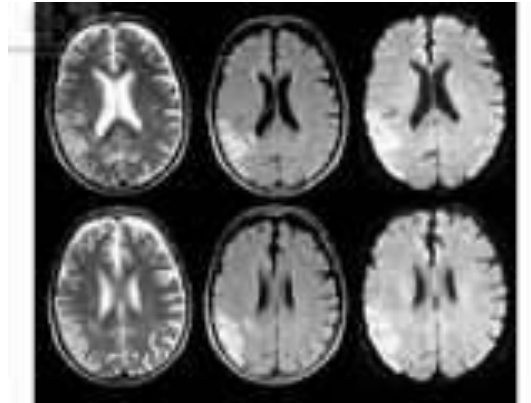
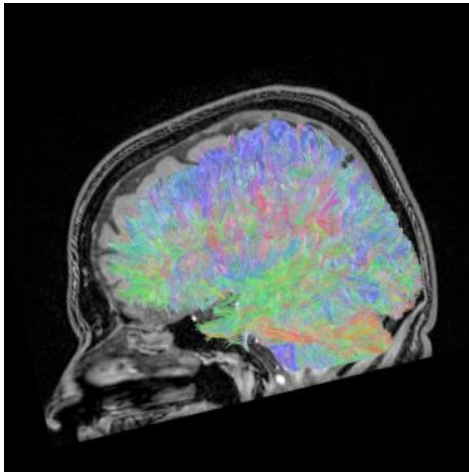
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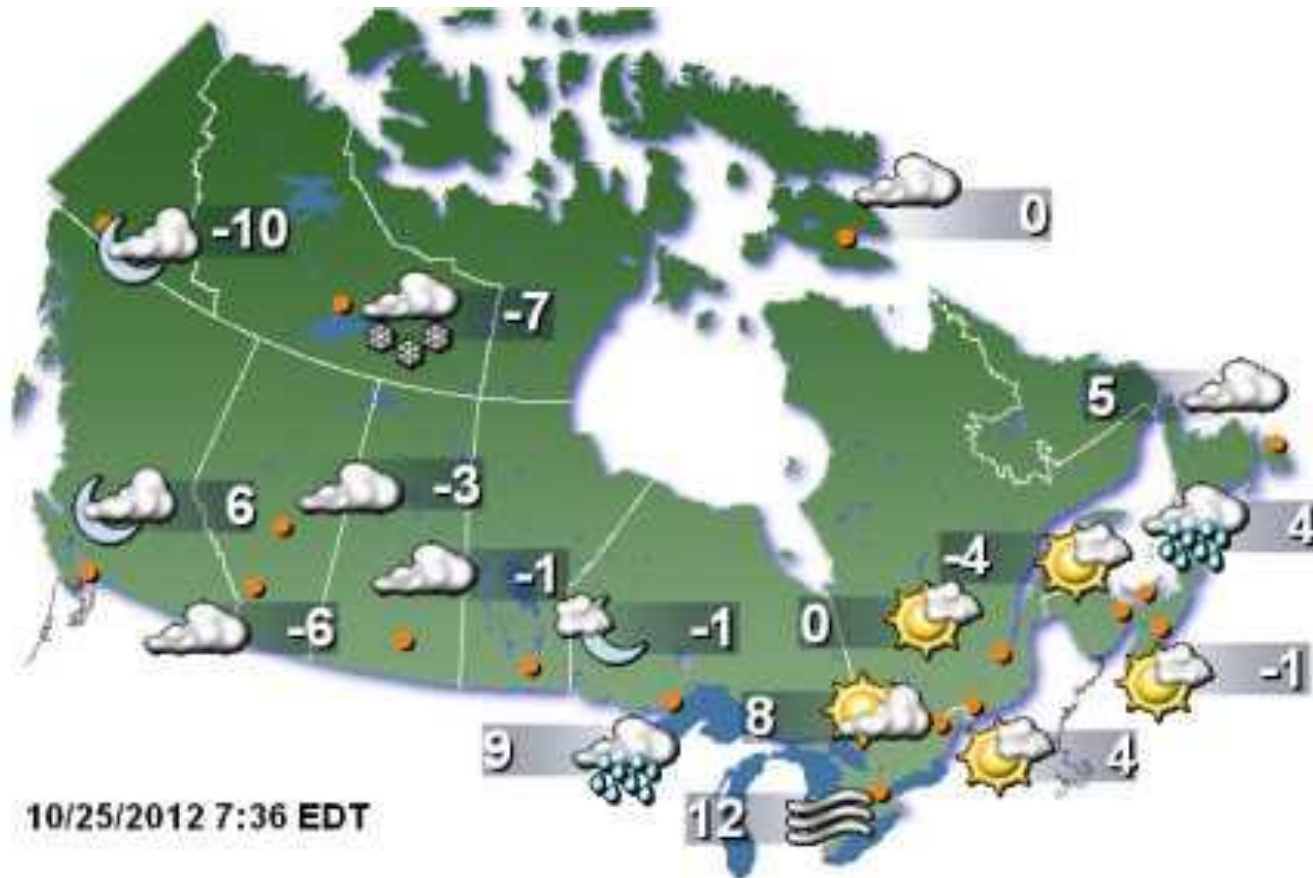


Snow's Cholera Map, 1855

What is visualization?



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What is visualization?

- Visualization is a branch of computer science involving the **processing, analysis and graphical representation of data** from diverse fields: social sciences, finance, medicine, entertainment, etc.
- There are two jurisdictions that are particularly requested in visualization: **computer graphics** and **statistics**.

What is visualization?

- It is important to know how to distinguish the areas of image processing, computer graphics and visualization.
- The **image processing is the study of 2D images to extract** information or to modify these characteristics.

What is visualization?

- The **computer graphics** allows to create images of any part using a computer, whether it be 2D images drawn by an artist or complex 3D scenes.
- The **visualization allows the exploration** of data represented in a visual form to help our understanding of the shown phenomenon.

What is visualization?

- One goal of visualization is to visually represent data that does not necessarily have a **natural geometric interpretation.**

Data Acquisition

The **acquisition of the raw data can be done in different** ways:

- by simulations (computer calculations)
- statistical surveys
- of historical databases
- of sensors of real measurements, etc.

Data Acquisition

Sources of errors

- Sampling is it accurate enough for us to be able to get the desired information? It should not be considered useless data that would only increase the calculations.
- The quantification is done with sufficient precision to be able to bring out the desired characteristics?

Filtering Data

Sources of errors

- Do we retain important and meaningful data? On the contrary, do we eliminate irrelevant data to the extraction of the desired characteristics?
- If we add data, the added data are representative of the rest?

High-dimensional data

- The increase in computing power and storage space of computers has led to an increase in the size of data sets
- Thus, several fields of science now are based on our ability to analyze and visualize high-dimensional data.

Curse of dimensionality

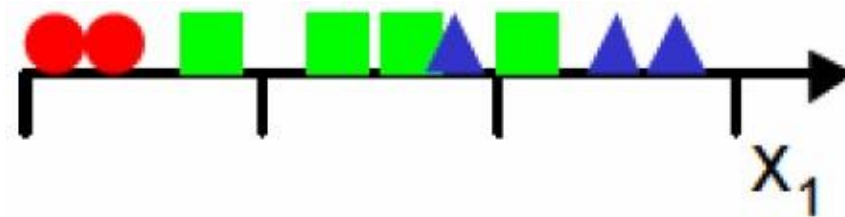
Curse of dimensionality

The curse of dimensionality

- A term introduced by Bellman in 1961
- Refers to the problem of the explosive increase in data volume associated with adding extra dimensions in a mathematical space.
- We will illustrate this problem with a simple example

Toy problem

- We have a 3-class pattern recognition problem
- We have available 9 observations 1D (along an axis)



- A simple approach would be to:
 - Divide the feature space into uniform bins
 - Compute the ratio of examples for each class at each bin and
 - For a new example, find its bin and choose the predominant class of the bin

Toy problem

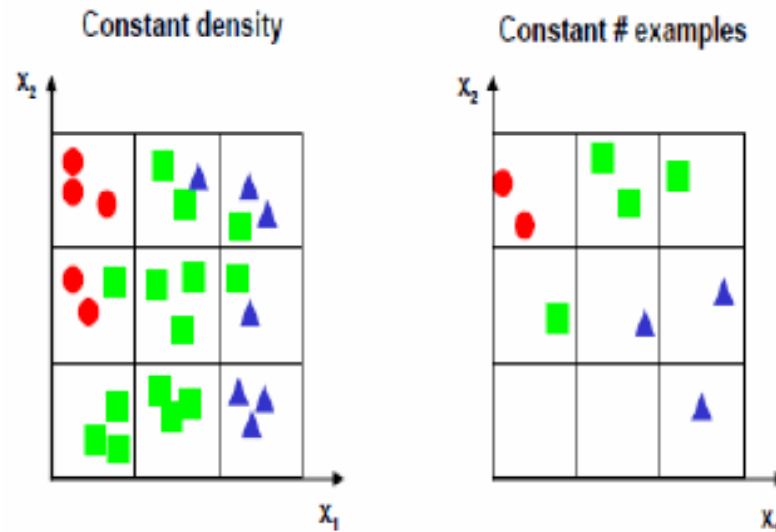
- For our example we start with one single feature and divide the axis into 3 segments. We observe that we have an average of 3 examples by region.
- Thereafter, we observe that there are too much overlap among the classes, so we decided to add a second feature to try to improve the class separability.

Toy problem (2D)

- If we add a 2nd dimension we pass from 3 cases (in 1D) to $3^2=9$ (in 2D).
- We have an another problem: do we maintain the density of examples per bin or do we keep the same number of example that was used in 1D?

Toy problem (2D)

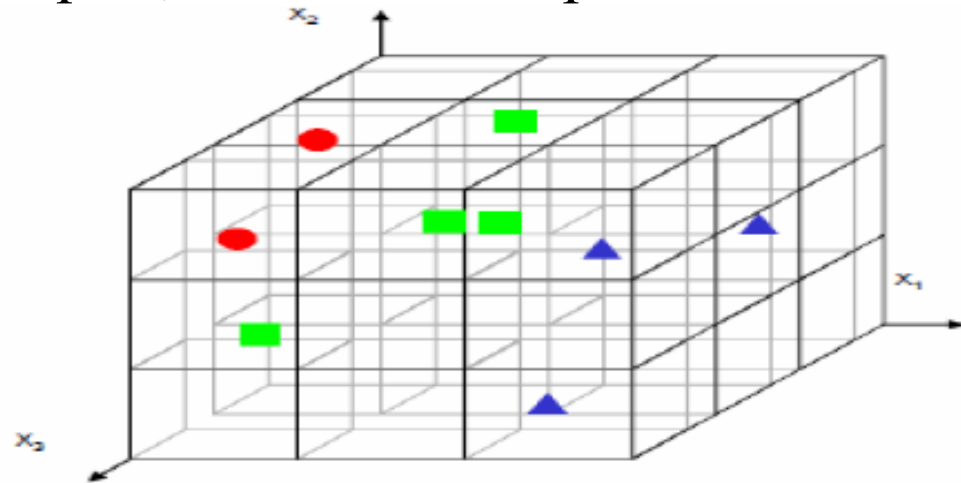
- Choosing to maintain the density increases the number of examples from 9 (in 1D) to 27 (in 2D)
- Choosing to maintain the number of examples results in a 2D scatter plot that is very sparse



Toy problem (3D)

If we add a 2nd dimension it gets worse :

- The number of bins grows to $3^3=27$
- To keep the same density of examples the number of needed examples becomes 81
- For the same number of examples, the 3D scatter plot is almost empty



Curse of dimensionality

The approach performed on the toy example is ineffective :

- There are other approaches less affected by the curse of dimensionality, but the problem still exists

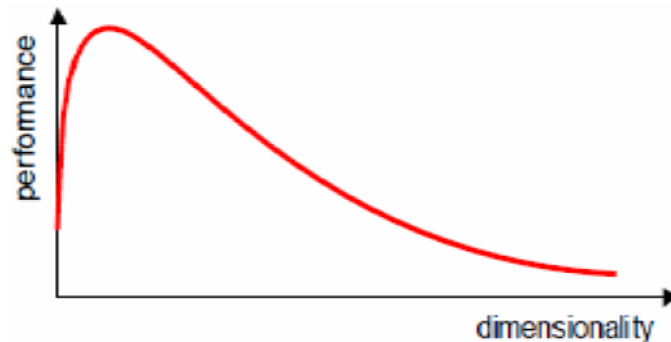
Curse of dimensionality

How can we beat the "curse of dimensionality"?

- By incorporating prior knowledge
- By providing increasing smoothness of the target function
- By reducing the dimensionality

Curse of dimensionality

- In practice, the curse of dimensionality means that, for a given sample size, there is a maximum number of variables beyond which the performance of our classifier will degrade rather than improve.



Curse of dimensionality

The curse of dimensionality generates several phenomena as:

- The concentration of the measurement
- Desertification of the space
- Depopulation of the center of hyper-volumes

Consequences

There are many consequences of the curse of the dimensionality:

1. Exponential growth in the number of examples required to maintain a given sampling density (For a density of N examples/bin and D dimensions, the total number of examples is N^D)

Consequences

2. An exponential growth in the complexity of the target function (which estimates the density). To make a good learning, the target function requires denser sample points.

Consequences

3. For one dimension in the literature can be found a variety of density functions, but for high dimensions we have only the multivariate Gaussian density.

In addition, for large values of D , we can treat the density only in a Gaussian simplified form.

Curse of dimensionality

- These findings suggest that we need special treatment to manipulate large data, which differs from that for low-dimensional data
- The same problems happens in other data distribution

Clustering High-Dimensional Data

Clustering high-dimensional data

Methods :

- **Subspace-clustering**: we are looking for clusters that exist in subspaces of the given high dimensional data
 - CLIQUE, ProClus and co-clustering approaches
- **Techniques of dimension reduction** : Construct a much lower dimensional space and search for clusters there (we may construct new dimensions by combining some dimensions in the original data).

Subspace-clustering

Methods of Subspace Clustering

- **Subspace search methods**: Search various subspaces to find clusters
 - “Bottom-up” approaches
 - “Top-down” approaches
- **Clustering methods based on correlation**
 - For instance : PCA based approaches
- **Co-clustering methods**
 - Optimization based methods (Cheng and Church, ISMB’2000)
 - Enumeration methods (Pei et al., ICDM’2003)

Subspace search methods

- **Subspace search methods**
- *“Bottom-up” approaches*
 - We start from low subspaces and search higher subspaces only they may be clusters in such subspaces
 - Various pruning techniques to reduce the number of higher subspaces to be searched
 - Ex. CLIQUE (Agrawal et al. 1998)
- *“Top-down” approaches*
 - We start from full space and we search smaller subspaces recursively
 - The subspace of the cluster can be determined by the local neighborhood
 - Ex. PROCLUS (Aggarwal et al. 1999): a k -medoid similar method

Methods based on correlation

- Clustering methods based on correlation : based on advanced correlation models
- Ex : PCA based approaches :
 - We apply PCA to generate a set of new uncorrelated methods
 - Then mine clusters in the new space or its subspaces

Methods of Co-clustering

- **Co-clustering** : Cluster both objects and attributes simultaneously (we treat objects and variables in symmetric way)
- **Optimization based methods**
 - We try to find a submatrix when she achieves the best significance as a co-cluster
 - Due to the cost in computation, greedy search is employed to find local optima co-clusters
- **Enumeration methods**
 - We use a tolerance threshold to specify the degree of noise allowed in the co-cluster to treat
 - The we try to enumerate all submatrices as co-clusters that satisfy the requirements

Techniques of dimension reduction

Dimension Reduction

- Data in a high-dimensional space are not uniformly distributed
- The reduction of dimension is a technique widely used to treat the "curse of dimensionality"

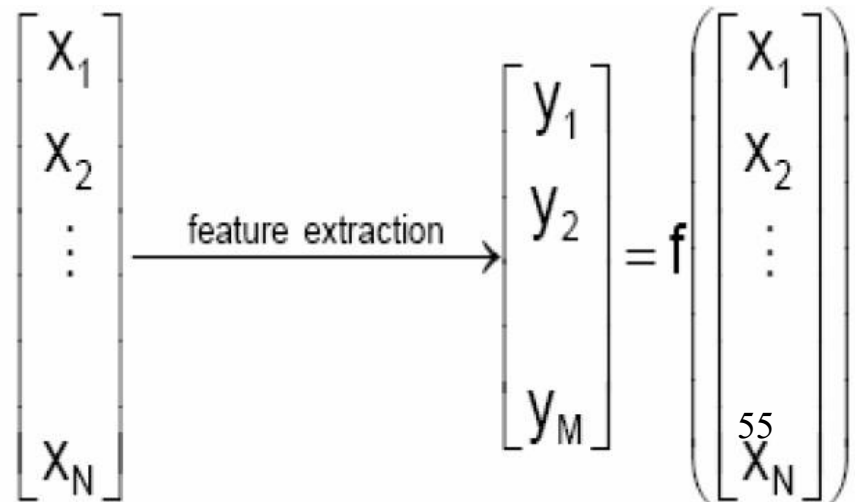
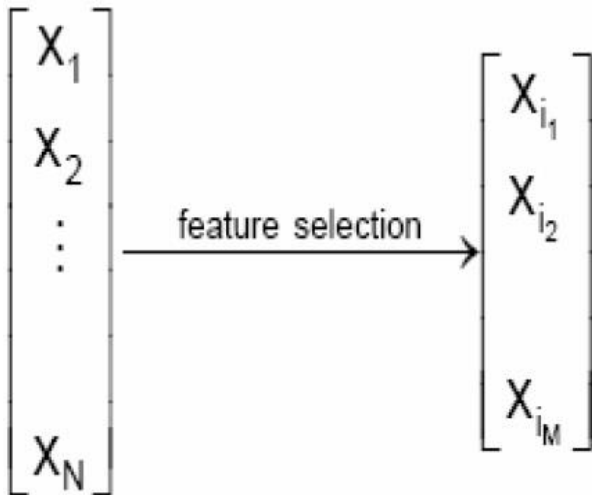
Dimension Reduction

There are a variety of techniques of dimension reduction:

- Linear vs. non-linear
- Deterministic vs. probabilistic
- Supervised vs. unsupervised

Dimension Reduction

- Dimension reduction : Methodologies
 - **Feature selection**: choosing a subset of all the feature
 - **Feature extraction** (« feature extraction ») : creating a subset of new features by combinations



Dimension reduction via Feature selection

Feature selection

- Definition :

Variable selection is a process to choose an optimal subset of relevant variables from a set of variables, according to a performance criterion.

We can ask three basic questions:

Q1: How to measure the relevance of the variables?

Q2: How to obtain the optimal subset?

Q3: Which optimality criterion to use?

Feature selection

- The answer to **Q1** is to find a measure of relevance or **evaluation criterion** $J(X)$ for quantify the importance of one variable or a combination of variables.
- **Q2** refers to the problem of the choice **of the procedure of research or creation of optimal subset** of relevant variables.
- **Q3** requires the definition of a **stopping criterion** of the research

Feature selection

Evaluation criteria

- For a **classification problem**, we test, for example, the discriminant quality of the system in the presence or absence of a variable.
- For a **regression problem**, we test rather the quality of prediction with respect to other variables.

Feature selection

An alternative is to use a search method of **Branch & Bound** type.

This search allows you to restrict the research and gives the optimal subset of variables, under the hypothesis of monotocity of the selection criterion $J(X)$.

The criterium is called monotonous if:

$$X_1 \subset X_2 \subset K \subset X_m \Rightarrow J(X_1) \leq J(X_2) \leq K \leq J(X_m)$$

where X_k is the subset containing the k selected variables.

Feature selection

Problem : most of the evaluation criteria are not monotonous

Use of sub-optimal methods: :

- *Sequential Forward Selection (SFS)*
- *Sequential Backward Selection (SBS)*
- *Bidirectional Selection (BS)*

Feature selection

- *Sequential Forward Selection (SFS)*

Let X be the set of variables.

Initially the set of selected variables is empty.

At each step k :

- We select the variable X_i that maximizes the criterion of evaluation $J(X_k)$

$$J(X_k) = \max_{x_i \in (X - X_{k-1})} J(X_{k-1} \cup \{x_i\})$$

- ✓ ordered list of variables according to their importance

Feature selection

- *Sequential Backward Selection (SBS)*

We start from the full set of variables X and we perform by elimination :

at each step :

- The variable X_i the least important according to the evaluation criterion $J(X_k)$ is removed.

$$J(X_k) = \max_{x_i \in X_{k+1}} J(X_{k+1} - \{x_i\})$$

- ✓ list of ordered variables according to their importance : The most relevant variables are then found in the last positions of the list.

Feature selection

The **BS** procedure performs the search in both directions (Forward and Backward) in a competitive manner.

The procedure stops in two cases:

- (1) when one of the two directions has found the best subset of variables before reaching the middle of the search space
- (2) when the two branches arriving in the middle.

Sets of selected variables found respectively by SFS and SBS are not equal because of their different principles of selection.

This method reduces the search time as the search is performed in both directions and stops when there is a solution regardless of the direction.

Feature selection

- *Stopping criterion*
 - ✓ The optimal number of variables is unknown a priori, the use of a rule to control the selection/elimination of variables allows to stop the search when no variable is no longer enough informative.
 - ✓ The stopping criterion is often defined as a combination of the search and the evaluation criteria.
 - ✓ A heuristic often used is to calculate for different subsets of selected variables an estimation of the error of generalization by cross-validation.
 - ✓ The subset of variables selected is that one which minimizes this generalization error.

Dimension reduction via Feature extraction

Dimension reduction via feature extraction

Two main types of methods :

- **Linear Methods**

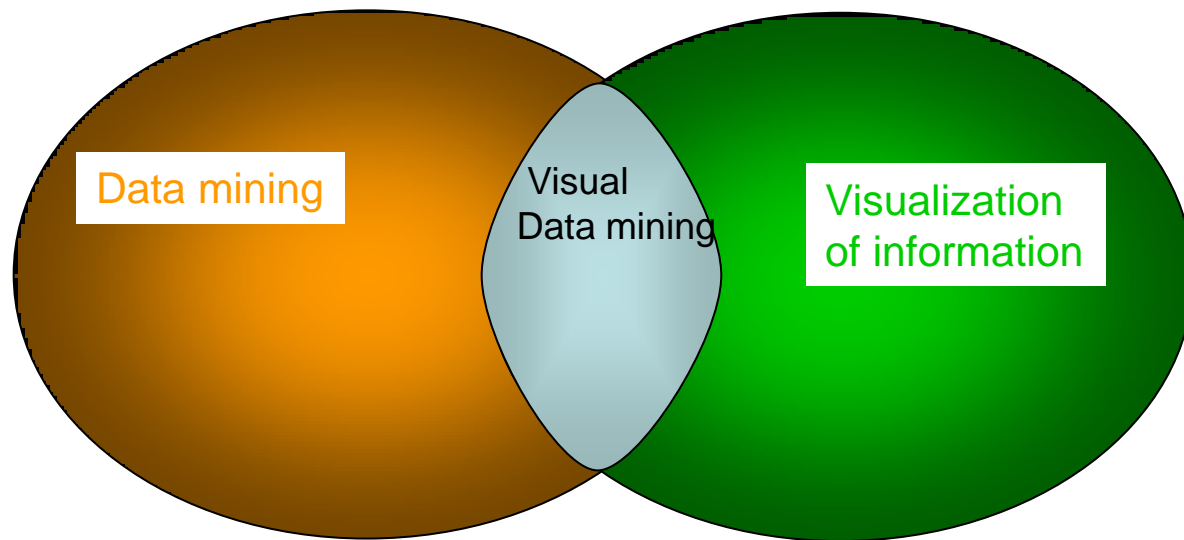
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA)
- Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)
- Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS)
- ...

- **Non-Linear Methods**

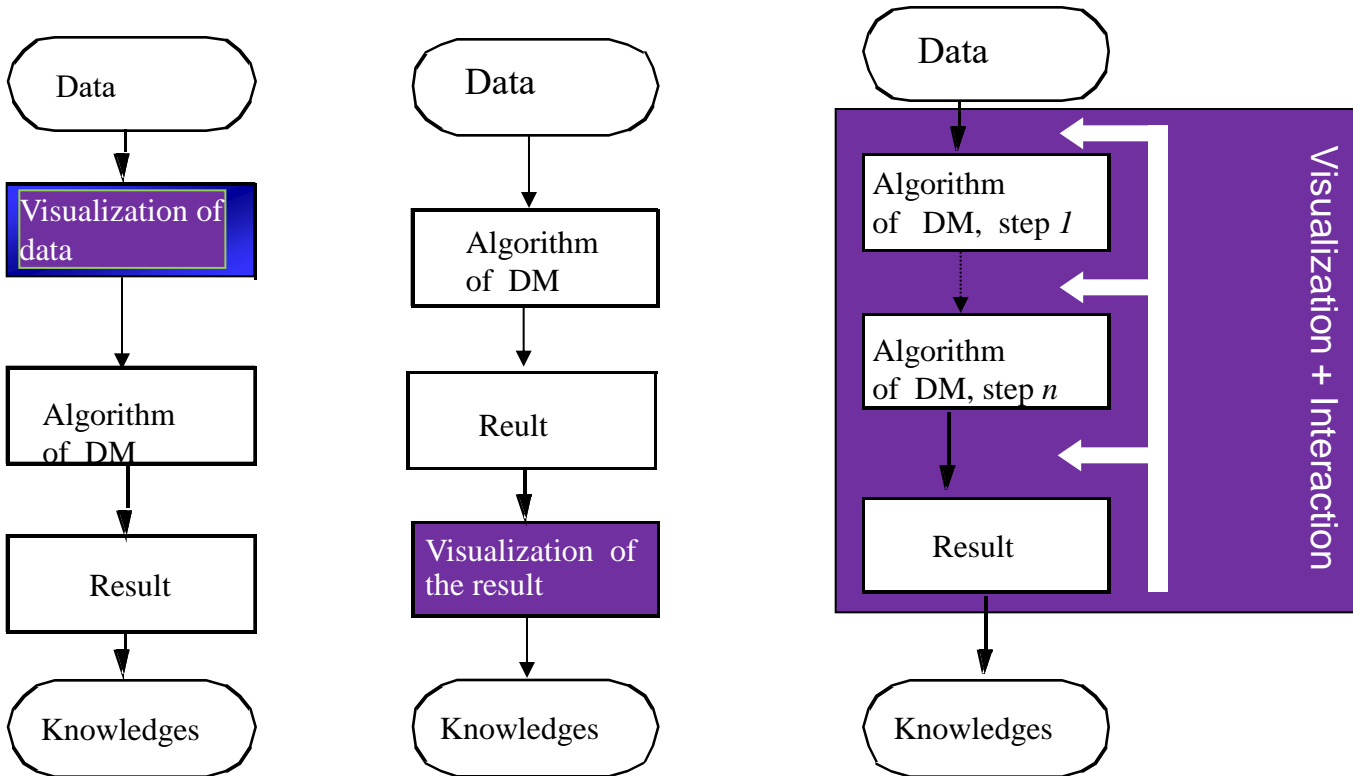
- Isometric feature mapping (Isomap)
- Locally Linear Embedding (LLE)
- Kernel PCA
- Spectral clustering
- Supervised methods (S-Isomap)
- ...

Visual data mining

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Visual data mining Diagram



Visualization software

- Graphviz
- Tulip
- Knime
- R
- ...

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